



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region #**

**Meeting Date:** 5-8-06

**Meeting Location:** Fayette County DCS Office

**Council Members Present:** Andrea Smith, Foster Parent; Jennifer Munden, FCM Supervisor; Gene Sanford, Union County; Terry Suttle, Franklin/Rush County; Annette Craycraft, GAL; Judge Cox, Union County; Judge Pflum, Fayette County

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Willis Henry County, Debbie Van Meter, Fayette County

**Others In Attendance:** Darla Randall, Birth to Five; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Scott Noel, White's; Mike Fleming, Henry County; Mark Munchel, Fayette County;

<h3><b>Meeting Minutes</b></h3>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:35 PM

1. Children's Bureau, Jon Bennett, discussed where to locate the office in Connersville. Mark Munchel told them that the Employment Office might have space available. The steering committee will need to meet monthly and they will need a place to meet. They will probably rotate the location of the meetings each month. A handout was given that included a timeline for implementation, they hope to have a project manager hired by mid-June. The project manager position will be advertised in the Connersville, Richmond and New Castle papers. The pay will be \$35,000 for a Master's level position. The group thought that this was not a sufficient salary to get a good candidate. The counties decided by consensus that they could kick in a few \$ from each of the county's "Child services" account. Jon will forward the ads to each of us that will appear in the newspaper. The steering committee will evaluate the program standards. They need 2-3 names from each county of individuals willing to meet on a monthly basis.
2. Drug and Alcohol standard that is used in Marion County was distributed to the group for review. It was agreed that this service is one that is needed and that we currently do not have this service in our area. Most had not had time to review the entire document and any comments can be sent to Vickie. It was also discussed that Marion County has a policy to not implement other

service for the family until they are engaged in the drug and alcohol services. The question was raised as to whether this is something we want to consider as a regional policy. We felt that the judges needed an opportunity to hear this and comment before a policy was approved for the region. This will give everyone an opportunity to review the document from Marion county and will give Vickie time to talk to M.B. about how to implement when our "child services" \$ are already obligated. We also need to get possible numbers of clients that need this service to Vickie.

3. Provider Fair- We think it should be a full day opportunity. We should include training and a speaker. The topics that were suggested are: legal requirements (such as notices to foster parents, parents) child support worksheet completion, ex parte conversations, etc.
4. No other business or concerns were brought to the meeting

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** July 10, 2006 Fayette County DCS at 3:30 PM

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 4:30 PM